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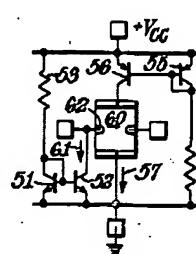
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(54) HALL ELEMENT WITH BUCKING CURRENT AND MAGNET BIASES  
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(57) ABSTRACT  
A strong magnet is located to a conventional Hall element package. A bias current is introduced at one of the output terminals of the Hall element in the direction to cause a deflection in the Hall element output signal voltage. The output voltage is then reduced by the means to zero. The resulting Hall-element deflection is altered by a large magnetic biasing field while producing a low or zero DC output component upon which the signal voltage will be superimposed.



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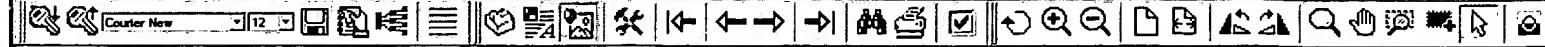
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CLAIMS:  
What is claimed is:

1. A ferromagnetic-material detector comprising a Hall element and a magnet being fixedly mounted therewith to produce a magnet-bias flux through said Hall element for producing a magnet-bias-induced Hall voltage across the output terminals of said Hall element, and a bias current generator means being connected to at least one of said Hall element output terminals to cancel at least a portion of said magnetic-bias-induced voltage, said detector further comprising two energizing terminals through which an energizing current maybe introduced into the body of said Hall element from a DC power supply, said bias current generator being comprised of a current-mirror circuit that is connected between said at least one Hall element output terminal and one of said DC energizing terminals.
2. The detector of claim 1 wherein said bias current is of a magnitude for said current-induced opposite-polarity voltage to equal said magnet-bias-induced Hall voltage and produce a near zero net voltage across said output terminals.
3. The detector of claim 1 wherein said bias current generator means is additionally comprised of another current-mirror circuit connected between

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Cebulak et al. [11] 3,863,150

[45] Jan. 28, 1975

[54] ELECTRICAL CURRENT FLOW INDICATOR

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[75] Assignee: Genirts Engineering Ltd., Calgary, Alberta, Canada

[22] Filed: June 23, 1973

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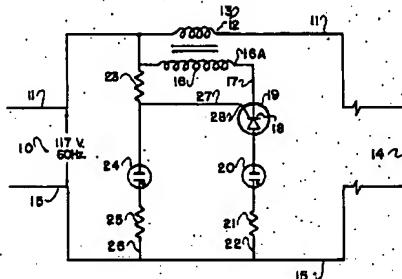
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## ART-UNIT: 258

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## ABSTRACT:

A circuit which shows firstly that line voltage is present at the indicator and secondly, whether or not the power dissipating device is in fact drawing power from the current source. The device may be encapsulated with a plug having male and female connections on either end or may be formed integrally within one end or the other of an extension cord.

2 Claims, 2 Drawing figures

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**United States Patent [19]** (11) 4,345,201  
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**[54] FAULT LOCATION SYSTEM WITH ENHANCED NOISE IMMUNITY**  
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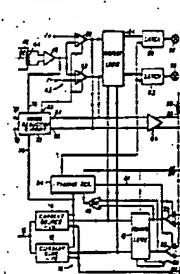
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A probe for sensing the direction of flow of an injected current pulse along a conductor of a circuit under test. The probe is linked to an automatic test equipment (ATE), and is triggered to inject the pulse during a test sequence at a step previously found by the ATE to establish a faulty state in the circuit so that the faulty one of several components connected to a circuit node can be identified. The probe injects an approximately triangular-waveform current pulse which has a steep rising edge and a steep falling edge. The probe indicates a voltage level at the terminal indicating the direction of the direction of current flow. To detect low level current pulses in the presence of masking noise, the output of the probe is connected to the series combination of a filter, an integrator and an A/D converter. The current under test is set to its faulty state, and then the probe is repeatedly operated, first with the injection of the current pulses inhibited and then with current pulses being injected. An average current value is calculated, and then compared with the average signal level obtained while pulses are being injected to determine the direction of flow of the injected current pulses.

8 Claims, 8 Drawing Figures



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**Detailed Description Text - DETX (3):**

Accordingly, and as shown in FIG. 1, the apparatus includes a current supply circuit 10, which has a current injection probe 12 coupled to a current source 14 and a current sink 16. For testing a circuit in which the power supply rail is, as is usual, positive with respect to the power return rail, the current source 14 is arranged to supply positive-going current pulses and the current sink 16 is arranged to supply negative-going current pulses. Selection of either the current source 14 or the current sink 16 is controlled by a polarity latch 18 in response either to the signals from two comparators 20 and 22 or to a manually-operable switch 24. The comparators 20 and 22 are coupled, inversely relative to one another, to two input/output terminals 26 and 28. These two terminals 26 and 28 also constitute the power supply terminals of the apparatus, the d.c. power being separated from input and output signals by two chokes 30 and 32 for supply to the various parts of the apparatus along appropriate conductors (omitted for clarity).

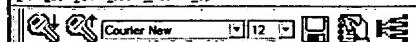
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Operation of the current source 14 or the current sink 16 is triggered by a timing circuit 34, and can be inhibited by a signal on an input terminal 36.

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The timing circuit 34 operates in accordance with a control signal on an input terminal 38 to trigger the respective one of the source 14 and the sink 16 selected by the polarity latch 18, either continuously at

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(43) June 11, 1974

(54) INDICATING AND AUTOMATICALLY  
RESETTABLE SYSTEM FOR DETECTION  
OF FAULT CURRENT FLOW IN A  
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Co., Inc., Mundelein, Israel

(21) Filed: Aug. 7, 1973

(21) Appl. No.: 378,243

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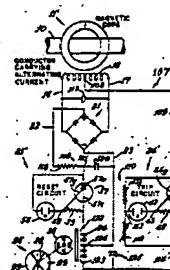
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## (157) ABSTRACT

Fault current flow in a conductor above a predeter-  
mined value generates a magnetic field in one direc-  
tion between the poles of a magnetic core while cur-  
rent flows in the conductor in the opposite direction.  
The magnetic core is movable in response to these magnetic fields  
and remains in a corresponding position until acted on  
by the next change in direction of the magnetic field.  
The magnetic core has one or more pairs of poles and  
the permanent magnet has one or more pairs of  
poles arranged such that the magnetic core has sufficient  
reciprocity to maintain the permanent magnet indicator  
in the position to which it was last operated when  
current flow in the conductor is interrupted.

19 Claims, 11 Drawing Figures

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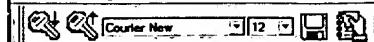
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## United States Patent [19]

Radichel

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(43) Jan. 4, 1977

## [54] ELECTRONIC CIRCUIT TESTING APPARATUS

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[73] Assignee: Sterchi Technology Corporation, Louisville, Colo.

[22] Filed: May 28, 1975

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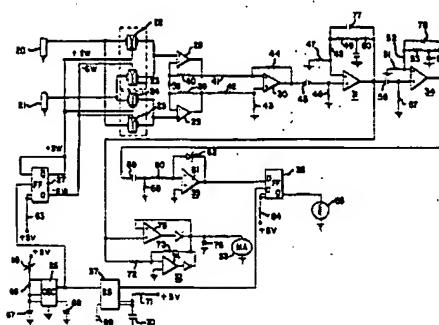
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ART-UNIT: 252

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ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Karlson; Ernest F.

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Woodcock Washburn Kurtz &amp; Mackiewicz

## ABSTRACT:

A failing component connected to a node on a circuit board is located by applying voltage probes to the printed circuit lands connected to the node to determine the direction and magnitude of current flow. By determining the direction and magnitude of current flow to or from each of the components, a reliable determination can be made of the failing circuit component. The direction and magnitude of current flow is determined by use of a polarity indicator which includes a differential chopper amplifier, a high Q, high gain, active filter and digital gating circuitry.

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18   US 6531898 B2 20030311 32 Device using a detection circuit41   HTML

United States Patent [v] (11) Patent Number 4,739,149  
 Nishiwaki et al.

[4] CURRENT SENSOR FOR WELDER CONDUCTOR  
 [75] Inventor: Toshiro Nishiwaki, Tetsuo Marita,  
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 [73] Assignee: Oshiba Corporation, Tokyo, Japan  
 [21] Appl. No.: 211115  
 [22] Filed: Mar. 4, 1987  
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 [37] ABSTRACT  
 A current sensor assures the detection of a current flowing through a welder conductor without requiring a particular power source, and indicates the current state with the aid of a lamp. In one embodiment, a welder conductor penetrates a toroidal core across which connects a slider resistor whose sliding arm connects through a rectifier circuit and a parallel circuit of a capacitor and a resistor, to a lamp. A second embodiment interposed between the parallel circuit and lamp wherein a series circuit of a second resistor and a Zener diode, and a transistor base is connected to a connection point between the second resistor and a Zener diode, and the emitter-collector circuit of which transistor drives the lamp. A third embodiment adds a further series circuit of another lamp and resistor across the parallel circuit and across the series circuit of the second resistor and of the Zener diode. The collector of the transistor is connected to the control terminal of a thyristor, the cathode of which thyristor is connected to the output terminal of the rectifier circuit and to the anode of which thyristor the lamp is connected. The other end of which lamp connects to the other output terminal of said rectifier circuit.

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 ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Flynn, Thiel, Boutell & Tanis

ABSTRACT:  
 A current sensor assures the detection of a current flowing through a welder conductor without requiring a particular power source, and indicates the current state with the aid of a lamp. In one embodiment, a welder conductor penetrates a toroidal core across which connects a slider resistor whose sliding arm connects through a rectifier circuit, and a parallel circuit of a capacitor and a resistor, to a lamp. A second embodiment interposed between the parallel circuit and lamp wherein a series circuit of a second resistor and a Zener diode, and a transistor base is connected to a connection point between the second resistor and a Zener diode, and the emitter-collector circuit of which transistor drives the lamp. A third embodiment adds a further series circuit of another lamp and resistor across the parallel circuit and across the series circuit of the second resistor and the Zener diode. Also, the collector of the transistor is connected to the control terminal of a thyristor, the cathode of which thyristor is connected to the output terminal of the rectifier circuit and to the anode of which thyristor the lamp is connected. The other end of which lamp connects to the other output terminal of said rectifier circuit.

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